Easton, Pa.

LESLIE W. BURDICK
GOUVERNEUR, N. Y.

Nov. 24th 1920.

My dear Dr. Pohlman: — Your letter has been forwarded to me, and I wish I could make you know how much comfort and help it brought, and how I appreciate your taking the time to express a kind thought for

LESLIE W. BURDICK
GOUVERNEUR N. Y.

Leslie and me. We have
been through deep waters,
and it all has been
distressing.
The situation is not as
stated in the newspapers
much of it hinging on
technicalities but
Leslie plead guilty as

he wanted to do the right
thing and make amends
to the best of his ability.
He has been wonderful
through it all, and not
once has he been imbittered
or resentful.
I have sent your
letter to him and
know it will give

LESLIE W. BURDICK
GOUVERNEUR, N. Y.

Mini Courage,
Leslie, with three other
bankers and a
major from the Army
are in the Execution
office in Atlanta,
and Leslie is thankful
for work.
Please remember us

LESLIE W. BURDICK
GOUVERNEUR, N. Y.

in your prayers, for our problems are great but with God's help, it will all come right yet.

Thanking you for your kindly interest and help, and assuring you that

LESLIE W. BURDICK
GOUVERNEUR N.Y.

With Leslie and I
do appreciate it,
I am sincerely —
Eleanor B. Burdick.

July 8. 1920.

My dear Mr Robinson,

In Janiy 1919 I received a letter from you stating there was still due you $17.50 - The following are the payments I made Mar. 2.50, Apr. 2.50, May, June, July and Sept. each $2.00 making $13.00 - In November I was taken ill for some time - but asked to have the balance put on you - which was not done - but I supposed it was all paid until I received

your communication yesterday.
The June and Sept. payments
I enclosed a two dollar bill -
but was very particular to
write a column on the envelope -
so I assume you must have
received same.
I am enclosing the balance of
four 50/100 dollars as I believe is
correct. However, if you did
not receive all the payments
mentioned I will of course
send the balance or.

Very Truly
Helen W. Cullen

Brasher Falls, N.Y.

HOTEL WESTMINSTER
COPLEY SQUARE, BOSTON
EMILE F. COULON

6/17/20

My Dear Mr Robinson

It is with Great pleasure I write to You to night Mrs B and I are having a Great and Glorious time here we were Autoing to Lexington and Concord we are at this Hotel and I am now looking out to a Church, who was Pastor of it? ~~and~~ Phillips Brooks a man I would have known little of had you not referred to him so well in your sermons I suppose his name has suggested this letter to you I hope you are all enjoying yourselves and that you are as happy in your new field as you were while with us and that Your Congregation will learn to love You as well as we did we have moved in to a fine house 209 W 40th st which has two streets to it facing on 40th just 2 or 3 doors from Dr Livings old residence and the rear as you know-

HOTEL WESTMINSTER
COPLEY SQUARE, BOSTON
EMILE F. COULON

runs clear back to Sloan St I
have bought the property and am
having it fixed all up with every
thing new we will have a
fine home and You have contributed
to it greatly by keeping me in
the right way our old home was
a hotel we could not fix it up
because the landlord would not
repair & paper it so we just left
everything go but now we are
just beginning to live

Tomorrow we are
going to Plymouth by boat Friday
night we return to N.Y. City then
sat to Coney Island & Luna park
then to Good old Philadelphia
Three Cheers for Phila & Delhi
because we have the same pastor

Good Bye and dont forget
to pray for us that we may be kept
good

Respfly W. Major Beatty

Rev. W. H. BATES, D. D.
52 PLYMOUTH APARTMENTS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

#6 The Gables, Greeley, Colo, Mond. mg, July 19, 1920.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

The Presbyterian of July 15 has just come, and I have read what has been "doing" at Delhi.

My pen leaps to write you my congratulations, — yes, congratulations to all four generations of you. Oh, that is g-r-r-reat!

And I almost feel as though I had part in the ser=vice, for didn't your father and I sleep together one night when we were Commissioners at Auburn Seminary?

Oh for a boy to take up the work that a father lays down. I have three sons, and it is the grief of my life that not one of them follows in my footsteps as a minis=ter of the Lord Jesus Christ. But, none of them are of the proverbial minister-son order. They are good boys, and are doing finely as business men — an honor to their parents. The tenderest tone, however, in my congratulations is to your father that he has a son to carry on his work. Blessings on the whole Robinson tribe!

In Washington your uncle George and I were great friends. We both stood for the Old Faith, and without any apologies either. I miss him.

I lately came across a letter of yours back in 1879, in my Adams, N.Y. days. I hope you had distinguished success in your Clinton and later Normal class work. In my Adams, Phelps, and Rochester parishes I had fine normal classes, while in Clyde I had a little private theological seminary of my own. Such work among the young deci=dedly pays.

With all good wishes for a long and happy pastorate, I am

Sincerely Yours,
William H. Bates

AIR SERVICE
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CORNELL – ITHACA – N.Y.

Dear Dr. Robinson:-

Possibly you have been looking for me to appear in Church here lately, but no such good luck, as I was refused a chance to go to Phila., upon my discharge from the hospital, as they told me I could get well, as readily, up here, this I certainly disagreed with them, and they know now they made a mistake.

I have been out of the Infirmary just one month, and have had a bad cold since the 2nd day out, and Friday, Nov. 1st orders came for me to be sent to one of the Flying Fields as a chief Draughtsman of a Photo Unit down there.

I turned in my bedding etc and was packed, ready to leave and then went to the medical office to be examined. The doctor as much as told me I had the "Flu" and to beat it to bed instead of Texas, so I remained in bed several days until my fever disappeared, and now I am marked "well" in the records, the I feel "kind o' weak" just yet.

I thought as soon as I was marked "Duty", I would

be shipped, but I guess the Office has forgotten that I have not left here yet. I don't worry any as I am taking all the rest possible and this afternoon the "Air Service" plays Cornell University, and a good exciting game is looked for, as we beat Cornell last week 6-0, and they are out for revenge.

There is very little to report from the "Ithaca Front", other than a few raids in the form of a game like this afternoon, or possibly "movies" tonight. Last night I sneaked out to a Lecture in one of the University Bldgs., by a Colonel of one of the Canadian Regiments. He could certainly tell the plain facts and relate them vividly, so that women had to spoil it all by crying. It made me feel like running to an embarkation point and get there before it is over, but it looks now as tho I am slated to stay here, especially since events are taking such favorable strides toward the downfall of the Hun. Hoping you are well, and the events in the church are progressing nicely

With best regards.

Samuel F. Bills.

U.S.A. — S.M.A.
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ITHACA — N.Y.

ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
"WITH THE COLORS"
Y.M.C.A.

Cornell, Ithaca.
Tuesday Eve.

Dear Dr. Robinson,

I just received your very kind note, and was, of course very much pleased to hear from you. I hope you will pardon this miserable writing as I am on the board of my back, in the Cornell University Hospital.

While I was at Camp Meade the Surgeons down there wanted to operate on me for a varicocele, but I fought them off and would not let them touch me, as I didn't have any faith in them, down there, and it is a ticklish operation, and must be done right.

Writing on Both Sides of this Paper.
Food, Buy Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps

I just completed the course here on Saturday last, and as far as I know, have made good, not only in Map Interpretation but the Photographic end of the work.

Having completed the course I thought I should get a few days off to get home and rest, but was unsuccessful; so I decided to spend the time that I would have spent doing nothing, but awaiting orders, in the Hospital here and have my trouble treated. So it happened that I am now in this place, which indeed seems very little like a hospital. One of my chums came with me and he had his tonsils ~~removed~~ removed. Of course he will be out much sooner than I. I sort of expect to be here until the end of 2 or 3 weeks, and then will be home for about 10 days.

Yes, I feel as tho I have made good, as several have told me I have been recommended for a Commission, but of course I put no faith in Army rumors, as they spring up every minute of the day. However I am hoping.

I was operated on at noon Monday, and regained consciousness at 3:30, and not feeling so very well. Last night I was very restless, but today I showed such improvement I was allowed to sit up for a short time.

Tonight to my surprise I was given some broth of some sort

just to tease me into thinking I was eating.

The treatment here is excellent and could be no better, and the nurses can't do too much to please us.

The Presbyterian Church here gave the Presbyterian fellows a very nice supper, Saturday the 14th; and we all enjoyed ~~our~~ ~~selves~~ ourselves just as if we were home (almost)

Set me clear from you again Doctor, as a few words of encouragement from you mean much.

With best wishes and remembrances to Northminster Church and of course to you,

I am

Just the same

"Sam"

"WITH THE COLORS"

Camp [illegible]

Dear Sir [illegible]: April 21 - 1918

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WITH THE COLORS

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or ever [illegible].

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312TH FIELD ARTILLERY

Camp Meade
Wed. Eve.

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we were so honored. That is a start and a greater incentive to work harder and more diligently.

We have started "intensive training" ~~training~~ now and it is all of that and then a little more. The first two or 3 days of it we were so stiff and sore we could hardly move, but now we dont mind it so much.

Last Saturday and Sunday I was down with a bad sore throat but by determination more than doctor's treatment (it being very poor, unless they think you about dead) I managed to come around so that I feel almost normal now. I dont know how I caught cold but I got it and it got me.

We are soon to take a trip to Annapolis for two weeks to learn to shoot, as they have a rifle range there. During our stay there, we are to sleep in tents, so I see where we freeze to death and the hospital will be full of rheumatism and pneumonia cases for a month to follow. Oh its a great life.

We have had considerable bayonet, rifle position and aiming exercises here lately, and by the way things are going, we realize they mean business! As yet there isn't a "6" gun in the Camp,

or on its way here, and that slackens our work very much, especially the men who are to man the guns. I am studying to be a scout and Reconnaissance man. To hold down this job they expect you to know what does and doesn't exist all over the world. If we are asked anything, we are expected to know the answer. When I return I'll start an information Bureau at Broad St. Station.

Well Dr Robinson, remember me to the Young People and Mr Stewart and Mr Simons and tell them I shall write them, but when, I am not sure. Drop me a line or two when you have a little time as I am always glad to hear from you.

I am
Respectfully
Samuel F. Pettis

WAR WORK COUNCIL

ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

"WITH THE COLORS"

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Camp Meade Nov. 23 1917

The War Correspondence Committee
Northminster Church
Dr W. C. Robinson, Chairman

Dear Dr Robinson:-

In reply to your request for a letter from me describing life and environment at Camp Meade I shall endeavor to state briefly my experiences and conditions as I find them here.

The train that brought our contingent to Camp left the B & O station at 9:30 A.M. Sunday, Nov 4, and arrived at the camp about 12:45, which is considered fairly good time for a troop train.

A number of officers met the train and the men from our district, (the 20th) were assigned to the 312th Field Artillery. Upon our arrival at the Headquarters of this Battalion ~~we~~ we were divided into groups of fives, and sent to the various Batteries of the Regiment.

The group I happened to be in was sent to Battery "D," where I have been ever since. We were immediately given a "mess kit," two blankets and a quilt for our "bunk" or cot, so you see there is little chance of us getting cold during the night.

Having made the bunk up in fine style we were next sent to the hospital to be examined. Because of the large number to be examined it took the remainder of the afternoon to pass thru this ordeal. Besides the medical exam. each fellow was vaccinated and ~~th~~ given his first "inoculation", or "shot" as it is well called. Since then I have had two other "shots", the second one making me sick for about a day. Such a feeling I never had in all my life. I thought, at the time, that the ~~two~~ precaution was worse than the disease itself.

When we returned from the Hospital, I experienced my first meal in the army, and it tasted mighty good. During the evening I wrote home, and to some of my friends. Thus I spent my first day at Camp Meade, and I shall never forget it.

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The routine of an average day at Camp is as follows, First call at 6:15 A. M. and Reveille at 6:30 They get us out of bed much earlier down here than we do at home and some mornings it is mighty chilly at 6:15, but we ~~get~~ "pike out", as the saying is. After Reveille we have mess and then have until 7:30 to make up our bunks and sweep up any dirt which may collect near them.

The morning from 7:30 until about 11:30 is divided into 5 periods of approximately 45 minutes each, thus giving us a short rest between. We drill during the first period and the second is devoted to physical exercises which seem at first to be simple enough, but when the right spirit and force is put into them, ~~they~~ greatly benefit us.

The third period is usually reserved for a soccer game or some competitive

sport which interests all the fellows. The final period of the morning is generally reserved for a lecture of some sort.

It is then time to eat again and we have until one o'clock to ourselves. The afternoon is divided usually into 3 periods. The first for a lecture, the second for semaphore signalling, that is, visual signalling with aid of flags. This is very interesting and requires considerable study and practice to become efficient. After this period there is usually a short space of time for exercise, and then the last period is another drill period.

Retreat is at 4:55 P.M. and is followed immediately by mess, and the remainder of the day or evening is ours until 10 o'clock at which time the lights go out, and we are supposed to be in our bunks.

Wednesday and Saturday afternoons as well as all day Sunday are holidays unless we are assigned to special duties such as going on guard, being an orderly or a member of the well known "K." - "P" otherwise known as Kitchen Police.

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The duties of the Kitchen Police are many, but in general are setting the tables for the three meals that day, drying the dishes, cleans all pans, scrubbing the tables etc. It is not the best position in the Barracks, but every body must take his turn at it. I had my first turn at it last Saturday. While speaking of the Kitchen I may as well describe the food.

The meals, as in every other place, vary. Some days we wouldn't want a better meal, while at other times they are not so good. Of course we do not get the delicacies of home, but we do get the food that is sure to nourish us. I am well supplied with fruit, cakes etc from my friends in Phila., who have been good to me since I have been here, so between the two kinds of food I receive, I cannot complain at all.

In regard to my uniforms and outfit

I must say that the supply is short and we new fellows have not, by any means, received our full equipment. I applied for a pass to come home over the Thanksgiving Holidays, but I was not favored, as I have not a full uniform as yet, and the officers do not know whether we will have them by that time or not. However, I do expect to get home within a short time.

The religious advantages down here are numerous. Every Sunday there are at least 3 or 4 meetings in the various Y. M. C. A. buildings thru-out the Camp, at which meetings there are prominent speakers. I have not attended any of these meetings, but have attended meetings which are held in our own Barracks every Sunday morning and Wednesday evening.

Franklin Spencer Edmunds was present at one of our meetings and he gave us a fine address and at one of the other meetings Dr Wittmer, one of the Y. M. C. A secretaries, spoke to us. The meetings are similar to our Young Peoples'

meetings and so they appealed to me, as I was always interested in that branch of Church work.

The work done by the Y. M. C. A. cannot be praised too much. They conduct religious meetings for the men, and during the week provide entertainment in the form of "movies", vaudeville or singing. All athletic events down here are supervised and conducted by Y. M. C. A workers, and they are always doing something to help or keep up the spirits of the fellows.

I find the Field Artillery to be a very good branch of the service. Each man has a particular duty to perform and the chances of a fellow advancing himself are very good. Undoubtedly it is very scientific and requires considerable study. However I have applied for a transfer to Company A of the 304TH Engineers which company is commanded by Captain Louis J. Bailey

whom you all know. Both he, and the captain of the Battery I am in at present, have endorsed my transfer, so I am living in hopes.

I wish I had the spare time to tell you of the many amusing incidents that happen during a day. It is surprising to see how many of the men, even by this time, do not seem to have a clear conception as to which is their right and left side, so, many odd fomations result in the drills.

Some of the foreigners pretend they do not understand English, but I notice that when you ask them to take a helping of anything at the mess table, they can understand the most difficult word you might say to them.

Personally, I may say, that right now, I never felt better in my life. The open air life and regular hours certainly do agree with me. The fellows tell me that I am gaining in weight, but as I have been unable to locate scales, I cannot vouch for the truth of their statement.

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I would be very glad to receive a letter from anyone who may have the opportunity to write and I shall endeavor, in the short space of time I have to myself, to answer promptly.

With best wishes for the success of the Church and its benevolent works and that the meeting of November 28th may be inspiring and a huge success,

I wish to remain

Very respectfully,
Samuel Ford Betts

Address →

312th Field Artillery
Battery D.
Camp Meade Md.

Company "A", 304th Engineers, N.A.,

Camp Meade, Md., Nov. 8, 1917.

Northminster Presbyterian Church,

Session War Correspondence Committee,

Gentlemen:

Your letter of October 16 reached me only a few days ago, on account of having been addressed to American University Training Camp.

I have been at Camp Meade since August 27, in command of Company A of the Engineer Regiment for this Division. My men are from South Philadelphia and are largely foreign-born. While ignorant, they are willing and cheerful workers. So far, I have 150 of them, the company not yet being filled up.

My work is hard, and seemingly never-ceasing, new things to take care of bobbing up all the time. It is also the most interesting and most worth-while work I have ever been connected with.

I may add, that my company is about ninety per cent Catholic in religion. We have no Chaplain as yet, but the Y.M.C.A. is doing its usual good work.

As many of you know, Mrs. Bailey id in Baltimore, and I usually get in once a week to see her. We attend the Franklin ST. Presbyterian Church, where Mr. Axtell, a friend of Stewart Robinson's, is assisting the Pastor, a Dr. Kirk, a fine preacher and a fine man. I get to go to church about two Sundays out of three only, as Army life goes on Sundays as well as week-days.

Your interest in me touches me greatly, and I cannot sufficiently express my appreciation of it. The influence of Northminster has followed me now for twentytwo years and has always been a great help and blessing to me.

Thank you again for your very kind letter; please remember me to all my many friends in Church and Sunday&School.

Very sincerely,

L. T. Bailey

Camp Meade, Md.,
Nov 25, 1917.

Dear Mr. Robinson,

The first installment of sweaters has arrived at Camp Meade, and I am delighted, to say the least. I now have over fifty in stock, with more to come.

I have written Mrs. Moyer, and I want to ask you to thank the men that have contributed the yarn for some of the sweaters.

I feel very greatly the interest that Northminster is taking in this very practical

and useful endeavor.

I hope to see you all at Christmas time.

~~Dear Hector, accept my personal thanks to you for starting this movement which has resulted already in more sweaters than I had hoped for.~~

Gratefully,

David P. Bailey

Capt. Eng. U. S. R.
304th Engr. Regt.